

thankful for the airmen and the sailors who fight them from the sky and sea. I'm thankful there are people who would give their lives so that others can live in freedom.

I'm thankful for you. It is wonderful to have friends and family back home who care for me and pray for me.

I'm thankful for God above. I am here by His design and I will only come home by his grace.

All in all, not bad. Not bad at all.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL SALISBURY

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, on this occasion I pay tribute to a dear friend and employee, Carol Salisbury. Carol joined my office in January of 1991, when I was first elected to Congress from the Fourth Congressional District. One of my original staffers, Carol has served my office and the people of Colorado for 14 years, and she has done so with grace and conviction. She will be leaving my office in January 2005.

Carol began her career working out of my Fort Collins congressional office, and later, the Senate offices in Greeley and Loveland. As area director, she managed the office and provided dedicated service on a variety of issues, including housing and healthcare. Carol was instrumental in establishing the Fall River Visitor Center at Rocky Mountain National Park, the acquisition of Cherokee Park by the Forest Service, and many other smaller objects that have greatly benefitted our public lands and will lead to greater enjoyment by the public. She was passionate about historic preservation and worked tirelessly on behalf of many worthwhile interests, including the historic Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in Southern California. Her presence on Team Allard will be missed and I know the Northern Colorado community will miss her as well. Carol was a hard working and earnest friend and employee.

My wife, Joan, joins me in thanking her for dedication and loyalty. We both wish her and her husband Jack the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MARTI MORGAN

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I express my appreciation and gratitude to Marti Morgan for her dedicated service and contributions to my office and to the people of Colorado. Marti will be leaving my office on January 5, 2005. As the 108th Congress concludes, a career that began during the 102d Congress comes to a successful and resounding conclusion.

Marti began working in my office nearly 13 years ago, in January 1992. Working out of my northern Colorado office, located first in Fort Collins and Greeley and then in Loveland, Marti has been an excellent employee and a true constituent representative. Her work and expertise in the areas of natural resources, water, and endangered species, among others, will be truly missed. Through her tireless work, she has helped me protect and improve na-

tional treasures like the Rocky Mountain National Park. Having served as my academy nominations coordinator, Marti has assisted thousands of Colorado's best and brightest youth in their aspirations to become the future leaders of our military and our nation.

My wife, Joan, joins me in expressing our thanks for Marti's many years of hard work, and in wishing her the best for whatever venture she may pursue in the future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute and to recognize a New Jersey organization celebrating its tenth anniversary, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation, NJCDC. I wish to take a moment now to honor NJCDC for the important work it is doing in the State of New Jersey and the accomplishments it has achieved over the past decade.

The work of the NJCDC has helped make the dreams of New Jersey residents become a reality for over a decade now. The NJCDC provides hope for a rewarding future through urban revitalization efforts, financial support, education initiatives, and the creation of jobs. The work done by NJCDC has directly transformed the lives of many, especially in the city of Paterson, where I was born.

In honor of the accomplishments of this organization, I ask that a proclamation honoring the tenth anniversary of the NJCDC be printed in the RECORD.

The proclamation follows.

Whereas, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation is a non-profit community development and social service agency based in the City of Paterson, New Jersey; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation and its dedicated staff empowers individuals to transform their lives and offers a variety of programs and services to assist economically disadvantaged individuals, at-risk youth, and people with disabilities; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation helps create jobs, support affordable housing, generate educational initiatives, and support men, women, and children of the community; and

Whereas, the New Jersey Community Development Corporation has contributed to the revitalization of the City of Paterson and the Great Falls Historic District, helping to ensure a vibrant future for the City and its residents; and

Whereas, now as the New Jersey Community Development Corporation prepares to celebrate its 10th Anniversary, we congratulate the staff and volunteers on this milestone.

Therefore, in presenting this citation to the New Jersey Community Development Corporation, I, Frank R. Lautenberg, United States Senator, State of New Jersey, on behalf of the People of the State of New Jersey hereby congratulate the New Jersey Community Development Corporation on its contributions to the community, the City of Paterson, and the State of New Jersey. •

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARIE PRINGLE

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mrs. Marie Pringle who is retiring this month from the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA. Mrs. Pringle's retirement is well deserved after serving more than 30 years for the Federal Government, including over 20 years in the VA's Office of Budget. Mrs. Pringle epitomizes the best of public service in terms of her dedication, commitment, hard work, and professionalism.

Mrs. Pringle began her Federal service in 1972 with the Department of Army as a clerk typist. She then moved on to the Department of Energy in 1978 to work as a budget analyst. After a 2-year period in the private sector, Mrs. Pringle returned to the Federal Government working for the VA's Office of Budget. At the VA, Mrs. Pringle worked diligently in analyzing the budgetary activities of the Department whose budget has grown to some \$68 billion.

As chairman of the VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, my staff and I have found Mrs. Pringle to be an invaluable resource for reliable and timely data that was critical in helping me make decisions impacting the millions of veterans who depend on the VA. Further, Mrs. Pringle provided my subcommittee with technical expertise that helped us develop our appropriations bills.

Mrs. Pringle's departure is a great loss to the Department and my subcommittee and she will be missed. I commend Mrs. Pringle for her outstanding public service to the American Taxpayer and the millions of our veterans. I wish Mrs. Pringle and her husband Darian all the best. •

HARRISON LIM

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize Harrison Lim, the founder and executive director of Charity Cultural Services, who is retiring after 21 years of dedicated service to the community.

Mr. Lim emigrated from China to San Francisco over 30 years ago. Upon his arrival in America, he struggled with the difficulties of learning a new language and assimilating into a new culture. As he worked hard to establish himself in his new country, Mr. Lim noticed that there were other immigrants who faced similar situations. Seeing the struggles of immigrants, Mr. Lim dedicated his life to making sure that new immigrants had resources available to them to ease the transition of immigration.

To achieve this goal, Mr. Lim founded and established Charity Cultural Services Center, CCSC, in 1983. Located in the heart of San Francisco's Chinatown, CCSC aimed to provide essential services to new Asian American immigrants and their families. Today, CCSC successfully assists over 4,000 people

each year by offering a variety of services, from employment-training for adults, apprenticeship programs, and English-as-a-Second-Language classes to school-based academic support services and other activities for youth. Working with local government, businesses, and educational institutions, CCSC's programs result in the ability of new immigrants to improve their quality of life and provide them with a greater chance at equal opportunities. In 1990, seeing a similar need by Asian American immigrants in Silicon Valley, Mr. Lim worked successfully with the Silicon Valley community to establish a Silicon Valley chapter of Charity Cultural Services Center, the Silicon Valley Crosscultural Community Services Center.

In addition to his work at CCSC, Mr. Lim has also been involved with other community-based organizations in San Francisco. He has served as the President of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association and also sits on the Chinatown Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Lim has tirelessly strived to address the issues and meet the needs of new immigrants and their families who find themselves living in two different cultures. Through CCSC, he has enriched the community by helping its residents develop positive identities, build confidence in their capabilities, and become active members of society.

Harrison Lim is an invaluable asset to the Bay Area's Asian American community. I commend him for his dedication, hard work and many achievements, and wish him well in his future endeavors. I am sure that, even in his retirement, he will continue to serve as an advocate for the Bay Area's Asian American immigrants. He is the kind of person who makes my state and our country a better place.●

TRIBUTE TO NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I wish today to give tribute to the North American Baptist Mission for the great leadership and assistance they provided the citizens of Alabama in their time of need following Hurricane Ivan. Their selfless devotion of time, energy, and skills played an integral role in helping Alabamians recover from such a tragic event.

Much of Alabama suffered as a result of Hurricane Ivan. It was a major hurricane that did tremendous damage to homes and properties, timber, and agriculture throughout the State. I was shocked by the devastation that was left in the wake of the storm. I was, however, encouraged by the resilient nature of the citizens in Alabama during such a difficult time. I remain continually thankful for the thousands of volunteers and, in particular, the North American Baptist Mission, that came to Alabama lending helping hands in our time of need.

Concerned for Alabama, the North American Baptist Mission alerted its

churches to the extreme destruction caused by Hurricane Ivan, and Baptist churches across the Nation responded. Volunteers from 14 different States ventured into the most devastated counties in Alabama: Baldwin, Butler, Conecuh, Covington, Clarke, Escambia, Mobile, and Washington Counties. The Baptist volunteers assisted Alabamians in putting their homes and lives back together. The Baptist groups set up 16 feeding sites that served 559,000 meals in Alabama. Specifically, in Butler County, 45 North Carolina Baptist Men volunteers served 17,586 meals. I had the opportunity and privilege of seeing this particular outreach mission, and I was thoroughly impressed with the volunteers' attitudes and selfless acts. In addition to serving meals, clean up crews removed yard debris from 1,750 homes and businesses throughout the eight counties in Alabama, and in some locations the Baptist groups were able to set up portable showers and washer/dryer connections, providing 1,118 people with laundry assistance.

These men and women, working from motor homes and in the heat, reflected the best in selfless service. Many were retired and some have served the Lord for many years, yet they were full of energy and vitality. They served, they encouraged, and they helped. The spirit of Jesus was indeed alive and strong in Greenville.

I realize that there were numerous organizations, charities, churches, and individuals that came to Alabama's aid in our time of need. Additionally, I realize that what I witnessed in Greenville was multiplied all across the State, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the good Samaritans who sacrificed their time, energy, and resources to help Alabamians on their road to recovery. Particularly, I would like to say thank you to the North American Baptist Mission volunteers I met in Greenville for their selfless devotion of time and energy.●

NANCY EARLE

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I recently learned that Nancy Earle of South Conway, NH, was presented with the New Hampshire Lakes Association John F. Morton Annual Award for Exemplary Service, 2004.

I mention this for two reasons. First, although Nancy is not a Vermonter, she and her husband Rink Earle once lived in Putney, VT where three sons and two granddaughters later attended the Putney School, her husband has a niece who lives in Norwich, VT, and they both have close friends in Vermont. Second, this award honors Nancy for her tireless work to protect New Hampshire's many beautiful lakes, lakes which not only citizens of New Hampshire, but Vermonters and people from around the country, as well as from other countries, enjoy particularly in the summer months.

Protecting the environment is a global challenge, but much if not most of

the work is done at the local level. New Hampshire's lakes, like Vermont's and every State's, are threatened by rapid development along their shores, by pollutants caused from marine craft and by over-fishing. It is concerned individuals like Nancy Earle, motivated by nothing more than their sense of responsibility to protect these fragile aquatic ecosystems for the use and enjoyment of future generations to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

I want to congratulate Nancy for this award, and to commend the New Hampshire Lakes Association for paying tribute to such a fine and deserving person. Nancy was the president of the Walker's Pond Association in Conway for over 30 years. She will be 86 years old this December 24, and despite a recent bout with cancer I suspect that, health permitting, Nancy Earle will continue to do what she can to protect New Hampshire's lakes.●

COMMENDING MAJOR GENERAL JOHN E. "GENE" PRENDERGAST ON HIS RETIREMENT

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today to commend a great man and his long career of selfless service to our country. On August 31, Major General John E. "Gene" Prendergast retired after serving 12 years as Montana's Adjutant General.

His 46-year career in the Montana National Guard began 1958, when he joined the Montana Air National Guard. I had the pleasure of getting to know Gene during his time as Montana's Adjutant General. His leadership, vision, and dedication brought a great deal to the dedicated and professional men and women of the Montana National Guard.

Over the years, he worked to improve the Guard's infrastructure in the State and saw the 1940s vintage buildings at Fort Harrison converted into some of the most state-of-the-art facilities in the country. Top of the line military training sites exist today at Limestone Hills. In addition, new and improved infrastructure exists at the Air National Guard Base at Gore Hill in Great Falls and the Army Aviation Support Facility at the Helena Airport.

Our warfighters need the best equipment and infrastructure possible to do their jobs. Gene understood this and I enjoyed working with him to make some of these improvements a reality. As a result, Montana's Guard is known as one of the best in the Nation.

His work did not just stop there. During General Prendergast's time as Adjutant General, Montana's involvement in the Partnership for Peace Program with the country of Kyrgyzstan became a model for the rest of the United States. Also, the Montana National Guard's Youth Challenge Program has successfully transitioned hundreds of "at risk" youth to active, involved members of society.

While he had a talented, dedicated, selfless group behind him, General